

REMARKS

The present Amendment amends claims 4, 16, 10 and 17 and leaves claims 14 and 15 unchanged. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 4, 6, 10, 14, 15 and 17.

In response to the Advisory Action in which the Examiner alleges that the July 5, 2006 Amendment After Final did not place the application in condition for allowance being that the "proposed amendments to claims seems to overcome prior art rejections but Applicants failed to address rejections based on 35 USC §112, second paragraph".

Based on the above, it appears that the Examiner may not have fully understood the Amendment as filed on July 5, 2006. The July 5, 2006 Amendment canceled all of the claims which were subject to the 35 USC §112, second paragraph rejection. Further, the text of the claims which was objected to by the Examiner in support of the 35 USC §112, second paragraph rejection is not included in any of the remaining claims. In addition, further amendments were made to the claims to improve the language therein. Thus, the cancellation of the claims rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph rendered the rejection moot since the claims being complained of were cancelled, the language being complained of is not incorporated in any of the remaining claims and further amendments were made to the claims to clarify the language therein.

Therefore, again Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance based on the remaining claims 4, 6, 10, 14, 15 and 17 and early allowance of the application based on said claims is respectfully requested. The undersigned strongly urged the Examiner to

contact the undersigned by telephone should any further minor amendments are deemed necessary to expedite matters.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that claims 4, 6, 10, 14, 15 and 17 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 4, 6, 10, 14, 15 and 17 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (501.43788X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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